



NEWSLETTER

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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NATIONAL VETERANS GOLDEN AGE GAMES COMING TO SD

Veterans from across the United States will be traveling to South Dakota this summer for the National Veterans Golden Age Games that will be held in Sioux Falls July 18-23.

Veterans will be competing in badminton, basketball, bocchia, bowling, corn holing, cycling, disc golf, golf, horseshoes, nine ball, pickleball, power walking, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis, track and field, air pistol, and air rifle. [Click here to view the schedule of events.](#)

To learn more about volunteering visit: <https://www.blogs.va.gov/nvspse/national-veterans-golden-age-games/>.

If you are interested in volunteering, you have until July 1 to register. Go to <https://36thnvgag.my-trs.com> to register as a volunteer.

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SAVE THE DATE!

SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE

The South Dakota Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health, along with state partners, are excited to announce that registration for the 2022 Suicide Prevention Conference is now open.

This two-day conference will be held at the Sioux Falls Convention Center on August 11th from 10:00am-5:00pm CST and August 12th from 8:00am-12:00pm CST. The conference will provide tools and resources for suicide prevention and stigma reduction related to mental health. This event is hosted by the South Dakota Suicide Prevention Workgroup with funding from the Department of Social Services and Department of Health. Visit the [South Dakota Suicide Prevention website](#) for more information.

This no-cost conference is a great opportunity to “Start the Conversation” around suicide prevention in South Dakota, featuring key speakers in the areas of veterans, youth, tribal communities, and resiliency as well as those with lived experience of suicide loss or survival. Details on speakers are located on the next page.

Visit [Start the Conversation: 2022 Suicide Prevention Conference Registration, Sioux Falls | Eventbrite](#) to register for the event.



FEATURING KEY SPEAKERS

VETERANS

**Keith Hotle**

Keith is the Chief Program Officer at Stop Soldier Suicide. He provides leadership in suicide prevention, personal empowerment and health promotion for veterans, active military and their families.

YOUTH

**Dr. Scott Poland**

Dr. Poland is a licensed psychologist and an internationally recognized expert on school safety, youth suicide, self-injury, bullying, school crisis prevention/intervention, threat assessment and parenting in challenging times.

RESILIENCY

**Beverly Beuermann-King**

Beverly Beuermann-King is a resiliency and wellness strategist who uses her S-O-S Principle to help people to control their reactions to stress, build resiliency against life's challenges & live MORE.

SUICIDE SURVIVOR

**Diana Cortez Yanez**

As a multiple attempt suicide survivor, it is Diana's mission to save lives by educating and informing health institutions and families on how to connect, support and transform systems and communication to better aid those in crisis.

TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

**Dr. Heather Ayn Indelicato**

Heather Ayn Indelicato, PsyD. ("Dr. I") is a licensed psychologist. She led the Zero Suicide Implementation Team at Tsehootsooi Medical Center (TMC) on the Navajo Reservation. The team was distinguished as a national leader in providing culturally-informed, suicide safer practices.

SDDVA OUTREACH EVENTS



SDDVA Field Service Officer Will Huffmon hosted an information booth at the Ellsworth Air Force Base Air Show this past weekend. The event included the open house, air show, and aerial demonstrations. An estimated 60K+ visitors attended over the two-day event.

South Dakota Veterans Cemetery Director Erin Brown attended the "Coffee for Vets" in Brookings this week. Brown provided the veterans with an update on the state veterans cemetery.

Brookings County Veterans Service Officer Courtney Van Zanten hosts coffee for vets on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am.

During these coffee briefings, Van Zanten has speakers come in and visit with the veterans about such things as financial planning, VA Whole Health, VA home loans, suicide prevention, and the Small Business Administration.



Northern Hills Veterans Appreciation Fair

Saturday, November 5, 2022

Sturgis Community Center

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Open to ALL Veterans and their families

**Veterans Service
Officers (VSO) from
Butte, Lawrence, and
Meade, State
VA Services
VA Flu Clinic
Free lunch
Support Groups
Veteran Organizations**



**Hunting Camp
Equine Therapy
Service Dogs
Employment
Housing
Education
And more...**



<https://wevegotyoursix.weebly.com>

**Bring your DD214, NGB-22 or other proof that you are a veteran.
VSO's can help you if you don't have one.**

**If you need assistance contact Julie Malcolm at
Northernhillsgotyour6@outlook.com**



The SDDVA Pierre team will be moving back in to the Soldiers and Sailors Building Thursday, May 26.

Although it is moving day we will still be operational and will have phones forwarded to cell phones.



The Sioux Falls Canaries will host Military Appreciation Night on Saturday, July 9th. They are offering free admission to armed services personnel and veterans.

Must have a form of identification for being a veteran.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 21—Armed Forces Day

May 30—Memorial Day Program—SD Veterans Cemetery—(25965 477th Avenue)—Sioux Falls—10:00 am (CT)

May 30—Memorial Day Program—Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home —(2500 Minnekahta Avenue)—Hot Springs—10:00 am (MT)

May 30—State Offices Closed

Jun 1—Midwest Honor Flight—Mission 10

Jun 1—Midwest Honor Flight—Mission 10 Welcome Home Ceremony—Sioux Falls Convention Center Arena—Doors open at 7:30 pm and program at 9:00 pm (CT)

Jun 9-12—State VFW Convention—4-H Fairgrounds—(3200 W Havens Avenue)—Mitchell

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Jun 12—Midwest Honor Flight Annual Honor Ride—SD Veterans Cemetery—Sioux Falls
Jun 14—Flag Day
Jun 16-19—State American Legion Conference—Watertown
Jun 18—Midwest Honor Flight 3rd Reunion—Sioux Falls Convention Center—11:00 am (CT)
Jun 19—Father's Day
Jun 25—Lake County Abate Poker Run for Midwest Honor Flight
Jun 29-Jul 4—Parkston's Celebration of Freedom—City Park—Parkston
Jul 4—Independence Day
Jul 9—Sioux Falls Canaries Military Night
Jul 11—BHNC Unaccompanied Veterans Memorial Service—(20901 Pleasant Valley Dr)—Sturgis—9:00 am (MT)
Jul 18-23—National Veterans Golden Age Games—Sioux Falls
Aug 6-9—DAV National Convention—Orlando, FL
Aug 14-19—Military Order of the Purple Heart National Convention—Rapid City
Aug 15-17—SDDVA Annual CTVSO Benefit School
Aug 18-23—USS Iowa Veterans Association Reunion—Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center—Rapid City
Aug 22—The Barrel House Day of Giving fundraiser for Midwest Honor Flight—Sioux Falls
Sep 1—Veterans Day at the South Dakota State Fair
Sep 1-5—South Dakota State Fair
Sep 5—Labor Day
Sep 10—Heroes Helping with Horsepower Military Appreciation Event—W. Main Street—Ethan—Festivities begin at 8:00 am (CT)
Sep 14-17—Black Hills Veterans March
Oct 3—BHNC Unaccompanied Veterans Memorial Service—(20901 Pleasant Valley Dr)—Sturgis—9:00 am (MT)
Oct 10—Native American Day
Oct 15—Midwest Honor Flight Fifth Annual Hangar Dance—SD Military Heritage Alliance—(1600 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls—7:00 pm (CT)
Nov 5—We've Got Your Six Veterans Appreciation Fair—Sturgis Community Center—(1401 Lazelle Street)—Sturgis—11:00 am—2:00 pm (MT)
Nov 11—Veterans Day
Nov 24—Thanksgiving Day
Dec 6—Governor's Budget Address
Dec 17—Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony at South Dakota Veterans Cemetery—Sioux Falls—11:00 am (CT)
Dec 25—Christmas
Jan 10—Governor's State of the State Address

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